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Cruise Shipping and Ferry Services
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any new Guidelines for operationalization of Cruise Shipping and Ferry Service in Major Ports in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the details of Cruise Shipping and Ferry Services presently operational in Major Ports across the country, Port-wise;
(d) whether the Government proposes to construct Cruise Ship Terminals in the country including Kochi;
(e) if so, the details and the present Status thereof; and
(f) the details of funds allocated and released for this purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b):Yes, Madam, the Standard Operating Procedures(SOPs) have been framed in June, 2016 for handling cruise vessels and passengers in the major ports. These SOPs have been framed in consultation with the concerned stakeholders and contain simplified procedures to be observed by the multiple agencies involved in handling of cruise passengers and ship like Port authorities, customs, immigration, security(CISF), State government, ship agents, cruise lines, tour operators, Port Health Officers(PHO) etc.

(c):The five major ports i.e. Mumbai Port, Mormugao Port, New Mangalore Port, Cochin Port and Chennai Port receive cruise ships as per the plan/programme of various cruise companies as a port of call. During December 2016 to March 2017, cruise ship Costa Neoclassica made Mumbai port as home port for operating a cruise service from Mumbai-New Mangalore-Cochin-Male − Colombo-Goa-Mumbai for seven voyages. Ferry services are run from Mumbai Port (Gateway of India) to Mandwa&Elephanta, and from Ferry Wharf to Mora, Revas&Karanja.

(d)to(f):Cruise terminals have already been constructed in Mumbai, Mormugao, New Mangalore, Cochin and Chennai Ports. It is proposed to construct another cruise terminal facility in the Ernakulam wharf of Cochin Port to cater to the cruise passengers with modern amenities at an estimated cost of Rs.25.72 crores. The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs.21.41 crores for this project. Against this, the first instalment of Rs.10.33 crores has been approved out of which Rs.4.33 crores has been released by the Ministry of Tourism.The project consists of construction of an international cruise terminal building of approximate area of 2253 sqmts.
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